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TITLE: Technical Assistance and Technology Transfer for Evaluation Capacity Building

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ISSUE: The CDC Program Evaluation Research Branch (PERB) in the Division of HIV/AIDS Prevention has identified types of standardized data to conduct systematic analysis of HIV prevention policy and programs. AS a result, PERB has issued an "Evaluation Guidance " and a supportive Technical Assistance and Technology Transfer (TATT) System for evaluation capacity building.

SETTING: CDC-funded HIV Prevention Programs.

PROJECT: To address this issue, CDC will provide an overview of the TATT including, information on requesting evaluation technical assistance, developing an evaluation plan, and making decisions around conducting process and outcome evaluations. Specifically, participants will (1)become familiar with PERB/CDC's Technical Assistance and Technology Transfer System, (2) learn how to apply the minimum standards for evaluating HIV prevention programs based upon CDC's evaluation guidance (e.g. developing evaluation plans, conducting process/outcome/impact evaluations)and (3)understand the need for building evaluation capacity.

RESULTS: CDC Program Consultants will receive training on the TATT System. Criteria has been developed and consultants are being recruited to provide evaluation technical assistance (TA). Regional trainings for health department officials are also being developed and organized. In addition, an evaluation resource database has been developed to assist organizations in the development and evaluation of their HIV prevention programs.

LESSONS LEARNED: CDC's experience thus far suggests that HIV prevention providers need a variety of TA in order to fully implement and evaluate their programs. Types of TA include both evaluation TA and capacity-building TA.

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